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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002

Note by the Secretary-General

Summary

In accordance with the provisions of the statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) (see General Assembly resolution 39/148 H, annex, art. VIII, para. 3), the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR for a subvention of $213,000 for the year 2002 from the regular budget of the United Nations is hereby transmitted to the General Assembly for approval. A related provision to finance this subvention has already been incorporated into section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 4)).

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1. As stated in the report of the Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) transmitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session (A/56/359), the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, in its capacity as the Board of Trustees of the Institute, approved the Institute's programme of work and estimated resource requirements for 2001 and 2002. The present report, reflecting the updated estimates that have since been provided by the Institute to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, is submitted to the Assembly in the context of its consideration of a subvention of $213,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations for 2002.

2. The Board also examined the financial arrangements for UNIDIR and congratulated the Institute's staff, particularly its Director, for effective fund-raising.

3. The proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003, under section 4, Disarmament (A/56/6 (Sect. 4)), contains a provision of $426,000 representing the United Nations subvention to UNIDIR for 2002-2003 (para. A.4.10). Notwithstanding the inclusion of the necessary provision in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, a formal request for a subvention of $213,000 for the year 2002 is submitted to the General Assembly, in keeping with established procedure.

4. Under section IV of General Assembly resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, entitled "Subvention from the regular budget to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research", the Secretary-General is required to report annually to the Assembly on the situation of the Institute. In this context, it is reported that the financial situation of the Institute is as follows:

(a) Funds available at the beginning of 2001 amounted to $850,600. This figure includes an amount of $162,300, required as operating cash reserve for 2001;

(b) Total income for 2001 is estimated at $2,036,000, from the following sources: voluntary contributions and public donations ($1,695,000), interest income ($60,000), other inter-organizational contributions ($58,000), the subvention from the United Nations regular budget ($213,000) and miscellaneous income ($10,000). It is also estimated that of total voluntary contributions and public donations, approximately 64 per cent will be used for special projects and 36 per cent for other purposes, including administrative costs. The details of the revised estimated contributions from voluntary sources for 2001 and 2002 are provided in annexes I and II respectively;

(c) Total 2001 revised estimated expenditure is $1,349,300, including a provision of $54,100 for programme support costs. Requirements for 2002 are estimated at $1,400,600, inclusive of $56,600 for programme support costs. The breakdown of 2001 revised estimated expenditures and of estimated resource requirements for 2002 is provided in annex III;

(d) Available funds at the beginning of 2002 are estimated at $1,537,300, including an amount of $169,700 that would be required as operating cash reserve.

5. Should the General Assembly decide to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, no additional provision would be required under section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Annex I

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research: revised income from voluntary sources, 2001

(United States dollars)

Donor	*Amount*
A. Governmental contributions	
Belgium	6 664
Canada	26 534
Egypt	5 000
Finland	24 600
Ghana	5 000
Greece	7 600
France	300 000
India	15 000[a]
Ireland	49 000
Israel	10 174
Italy	8 500
Japan	606 000[b]
Luxembourg	2 000
Mexico	10 000
Netherlands	10 666
Norway	100 000
New Zealand	4 100
Republic of Korea	35 000
Switzerland	39 637
United Kingdom	170 000
Subtotal	**1 435 475**
B. Public donations	
Ford Foundation (United States)	200 000
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Germany)	10 000
Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (United States)	25 000
Ploughshares Foundation (United States)	24 550
Subtotal	**259 550**
Total	**1 695 025**

[a] Includes a contribution of $5,000 intended for 2000, which was registered in the 2001 accounts.

[b] Reflects a contribution to be used for the project entitled "Lessons learned from weapons collection programmes" over the years 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Annex II

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research: estimated income from voluntary sources, 2002

(United States dollars)

Donor	*Amount*
A. Governmental contributions	
Egypt	5 000
Ghana	5 000
Greece	7 600
France	300 000
India	10 000
Israel	10 000
Luxembourg	2 000
Norway	100 000
Switzerland	40 000
Subtotal	**479 600**
B. Public donations	
Ford Foundation (United States)	200 000
Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (United States)	50 000
Subtotal	**250 000**
Total	**729 600**

Annex III

Estimated resource requirements, 2001 and 2002

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Resource requirements	*(1) 2001*	*(2) 2002*	*(3 (2-1)) Increase/ decrease*
A. Direct programme and administrative costs			
Consultants' fees and travel	108.4	48.1	(60.3)
Ad hoc expert groups	69.0	65.0	(4.0)
Salaries and related staff costs	484.2[a]	419.5	(64.7)
Personal service contract	466.6	580.6	114.0
Official travel of staff	78.3	86.8	8.5
Language training	2.0	2.0	-
Other specialized training	7.0	7.0	-
Other contractual printing	3.0	3.0	-
Advertising and promotion	-	-	-
Rental of conference room	1.0	1.0	-
Rental of conference service equipment	2.0	2.0	-
Rental of office equipment	1.5	1.5	-
Hospitality	2.0	2.0	-
Maintenance of office automation equipment	5.0	5.0	-
Paper for internal reproduction	10.0	10.0	-
Library books	-	-	-
Subscriptions and standing orders	2.5	2.5	-
Data-processing supplies	3.0	3.0	-
Bank charges	-	-	-
Acquisition of office equipment	29.7	5.0	(24.7)
Fellowship programme (stipend)	-	90.0	90.0
Fellowship programme (travel)	20.0	10.0	(10.0)
Subtotal	**1 295.2**	**1 344.0**	**48.8**
B. Programme support costs (5% of subtotal A less United Nations subvention)	54.1	56.6	2.5
Total expenditure (subtotal A + B)	1 349.3	1 400.6	51.3
C. Operating cash reserve (At least 15% of subtotal A less United Nations subvention)	162.3	169.7	7.4
Total (A + B + C)	**1 511.6**	**1 570.3**	**58.7**

[a] Includes part of the salaries and related staff costs for the year 2000.